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WITH INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC
ACID COMPOSITIONS HAVING UNIQUE
BIOPHARMACEUTICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

December 22, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003 in connection with the
above identified application for U.S. patent, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments To The Claims are reflected in the Listings of Claims, which begin on page
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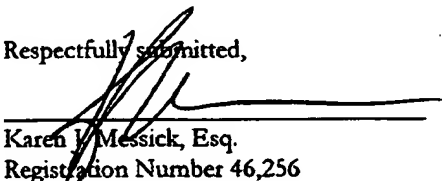
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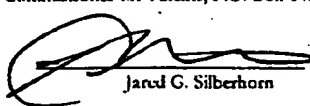
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